



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Colorado received some precipitation last week along the I-70 corridor but levels are still below average for this time of year. The State experienced average temperatures. Dry and windy conditions in much of the State are favorable for wildfires. Overall, mountain snowpack is 115 percent of average. The snowpack in the southern region of the State is rated at only 83 percent of average while the northern region is 137 percent of average. Farmers were allowed 5.1 days in the field for spring operations.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	33	33	31	3
Last Week	42	39	16	3
Last Year	1	10	86	3

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	34	37	26	3
Last Week	38	40	19	3
Last Year	1	9	88	2

**Small Grains:** Winter wheat being pastured decreased to four percent last week with 18 percent jointed. The crop is rated in mostly fair to poor condition. Spring barley was 41 percent seeded with 14 percent emerged by the end of the week, compared to the 5-year averages of 39 percent seeded and 14 percent emerged. Spring wheat was 29 percent seeded with 6 percent emerged.

**Row Crops:** Corn planted last week increased to 4 percent. Sugarbeets reached 8 percent planted, compared to the 5-year average of 28 percent. Onion plantings increased to 61 percent. Summer potatoes were 12 percent planted by the end of last week.

## SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending April 17, 2011

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	19	29	35	17	0
Last Year	0	3	21	53	23

**Pasture and Range:** Pasture and range feed conditions were rated at mostly fair condition across the State due to dry, high winds that persisted last week.

**Livestock:** Cows that have calved since January 1<sup>st</sup> increased to 78 percent while 73 percent of the ewes have lambled during the same time frame. Death losses for cattle and sheep were average. Stored feed supplies were also rated average for this time of year.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending April 17, 2011

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2011	15	23	33	26	3
Prev. Year – 2010	0	8	36	54	2
5-Year Avg.	9	18	41	31	1

## Spring 2011 Calving and Lambing

	2011	5-Yr Avg.
Cows Calved since Jan 1	78	78
Ewes Lambled since Jan 1	73	76

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Development Ratings for Week Ending April 17, 2011

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Pastured	4	7	4	6
Jointed	18	12	16	24
<b>Spring Barley</b>				
Seeded	41	28	32	39
Emerged	14	11	14	14
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Seeded	29	15	23	28
Emerged	6	2	13	10
<b>Corn</b>				
Planted	4	1	3	5
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Planted	8	2	19	28
<b>Dry Onions</b>				
Planted	61	45	51	61
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>				
Planted	12	7	6	16

**COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/**

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Livestock</b>	1	4	36	54	5

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.